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1. WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REGARDING
POSSIBLE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CCMS ENERGY-RELATED
PROJECT. THE FRAGILE NATURE OF SUPPORT FOR SOME OF
PROFESSOR CORTELLESSA'S IDEAS WITHIN THE GOI HAS LONG
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BEEN OF CONCERN TO US, BUT SO LONG AS CORTELLESSA
REMAINS THE ITALIAN CCMS COORDINATOR, WE HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO WORK WITH HIM DESPITE THESE LIMITATIONS.

2. CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE POSSIBLE ITALIAN
PROPOSAL AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OVERLAP WITH ON-GOING
IEA ACTIVITIES, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CCMS WOULD

NOT UNDERTAKE A PROJECT IN ANY FIELD THAT DUPLICATED THE WORK OF ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE PROCESS FOR SECURING NATO APPROVAL FOR NEW PILOT STUDIES AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF EXPERTS FAMILIAR WITH RELATED ACTIVITIES IN OTHER MULTILATERAL FORUMS PRECLUDE THIS. PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE ALSO JUDGED ON THEIR SUITABILITY FOR CCMS'S PILOT STUDY METHOD, A

MECHANISM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH HAS WORKED WELL AND HAS BEEN IMITATED BY OTHERS.

3. WHILE IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED (THOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WITHOUT HAVING SEEN THE REVISED DRAFT), WE CANNOT DISMISS THE POSSIBILITY OF CCMS'S CARRYING OUT VALUABLE ENERGY-RELATED WORK IN THE FUTURE THAT DOES NOT DUPLICATE IEA PROGRAMS. THE IEA REMAINS THE PRINCIPAL FORUM IN WHICH WE WISH TO CONCENTRATE OUR ENERGY COOPERATION WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENERGY ACTIVITIES IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL MERITS OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND US INTEREST SO INDICATE.

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